

REMARKS

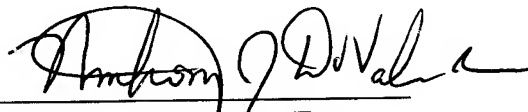
The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 26, 2006. Claims 7-9 are pending. Claims 1-6 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments. In addition, unless a passage of an amendment is specifically discussed below in connection with one or more cited references, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims should be constructed as being submitted merely to clarify the invention rather than as a limitation submitted to overcome a cited reference.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indicated allowability of dependent Claims 7-9. Pursuant to the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is believed to be warranted. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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